

Misuse of Funds by Middlemen

76. Sri DIGAMBARA RAO B. KALMANKAR (Aland).—

Will the Minister for Development and Co-operation be pleased to state :—

(a) whether a report was submitted by Executive Engineer, Rural Housing Cell regarding misuse of funds by middlemen in Aland Taluk in particular and Gulbarga District in General;

(b) if so, the details of such misuse;

(c) the action they propose to take against the Officer concerned and steps taken to prevent such misuse in future?

A.—Sri P. M. NADGOUDA (Minister for Development and Co-operation).—

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Sri DIGAMBARA RAO B. KALMANKAR.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that in September the Executive Engineer has submitted a detailed report and he has also given a number of statements wherein he has admitted that there has been misuse of funds by middle men?

† Sri P. M. NADGOUDA.—Government is not aware of the fact. But it has come to the notice of the Government that funds that had to be disbursed were not disbursed.

Sri DIGAMBARA RAO B. KALMANKAR.—May I know the total amount involved in this affair?

Sri P. M. NADGOUDA.—About twelve lakhs rupees.

Sri DIGAMBARA RAO B. KALMANKAR.—May I know whether the report has reached the hon. Minister?

Sri P. M. NADGOUDA.—Yes. There is no mis-application or misuse of funds. The delay is caused because Government did not disburse the money in time and that is why the L.I.C. did not disburse the money in time.

Sri DIGAMBARA RAO B. KALMANKAR.—Answer to (a). If I bring to the notice of the Minister that the Executive Engineer has made a statement in the press Deccan Herald in September 1967, will he take action against the concerned?

Sri P. M. NADGOUDA.—Certainly Sir.